



Executive Director Surface Combat Systems Center



Mr. Gilbert has enjoyed a diverse and challenging career, serving nearly 30 years in government service as an acquisition professional. For most of his accomplished career, he has worked in Test and Evaluation related areas in this critical phase of system development. He became the Executive Director for Surface Combat Systems Center, Wallops Island in July 2014. Here he is responsible for overseeing the daily operations for 300 military, civilian and contractor personnel who provide highly technical engineering and training support to the Fleet.

Prior to his current assignment, he was the Executive Director at White Sands Test Center (WSTC) where he provided technical oversight for current and future Test Center activities, managed approximately two billion dollars of Range Infrastructure and facilities, oversaw close to 700 million dollars of contracts, and served as a subject matter expert and senior civilian advisor to the WSTC Commander and Commanding General.

In October 2011, he served in the Office Secretary of Defense, Deputy Assistant Secretary Defense for Developmental Test and Evaluation (One Year assignment). In this position, he contributed to the assessment of operational readiness for Major Defense Acquisition Programs, development of Test and Evaluation strategy for cyber, and establishment of modeling and simulation T&E enterprise board.

He served in various assignments at the White Sands Missile Range (WSMR), including Range Director, where he led a civilian and contractor acquisition workforce of nearly five hundred engineers, scientists, technicians, and analysts. Oversaw, planned, allocated resources, and reported on test and evaluation activities of major defense programs for missile system, ordnance, aviation platforms, laser operations, and C4ISR systems.

From May 2006 to July 2009, he served as the Data Sciences' Director, he led an operation of approximately 450 civilian and contractor composed of engineers, scientist, mathematicians, information technologists, and administrative employees supporting the collection, movement, display, processing, and storage of data for Testing, training, and other needs. Served as the Chief Information Officer (CIO) for WSMR, delegated approving authority for information assurance, formulated Information Technology policy for the installation, and participated on policy boards within DoD.

He has also served as the Project Director for the Inter Range Control Center, Chief Information Support, Test Center Operations Officer and Electronic Engineer in the Telemetry Branch.

Mr. Gilbert holds a Masters in Strategic Studies from the Army War College, Masters of Arts in Management and Leadership from Webster University and a Bachelors of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas El Paso. He holds a Level III Certification in Test and Evaluation Acquisition; and Program Management.